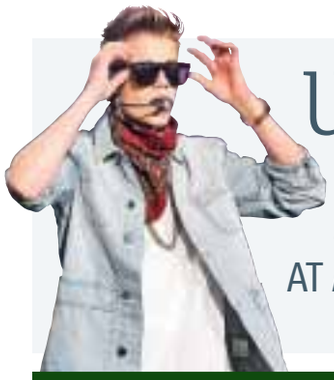

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Food fest sparks chain reaction

Londonlicious. Kantina removes itself from festival after inclusion of national eatery

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The addition of a chain restaurant to Londonlicious has led one independent local eatery to withdraw from the annual food festival.

Kantina Restaurant, a downtown spot serving mainly eastern European dishes, has pulled out because its owner feels the festival's core vision has been tarnished.

Londonlicious, which runs from Jan. 17 to Feb. 3, has traditionally been promoted as a hyper-local experience. However, upon hearing it has added Moxie's — a bar and grill founded in Calgary and prominent across Canada — to its restaurant list, Kantina's owner says Londonlicious is headed in the wrong direction.

"We're stepping down because of the involvement of the chain restaurants," owner Miljan Karac said.

Kantina owner Miljan Karac is steamed at the inclusion of chain restaurant Moxie's in this year's Londonlicious. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Over the course of Londonlicious, about 35 locally owned and managed restaurants — ranging from cultural hub Budapest to upscale Crave — will offer restaurant-goers a three-course meal for a bargain $20 to $30, and a chance to celebrate the local culinary scene.

Two of Moxie's 63 Canadian restaurants are right here in the Forest City. Since they employ several Londoners, Londonlicious organizer Andy Wilson says the chain meets the event's entrance requirements.

More info

To find out if your favourite restaurants are taking part in this year's festival, go to Londonlicious.ca.

"Moxie's contacted me, and they had a great argument," Wilson said. "And I told them it would be a trial run. I told them, 'We'll see how the community reacts, how the other restaurants react to it.'"

A lengthy message posted on Kantina's Facebook page on Monday outlines the rationale behind its withdrawal, and says Londonlicious is "selling out."

"While we understand this is only one restaurant, it sets precedent with which we are not at all comfortable," the post says.

Wilson, who admits he weighed the pros and cons of the situation before coming to a decision, argues the inclusion of Moxie's is an experiment. Nothing is set in stone for next year's lineup.

"I really don't see the addition of Moxie's taking away from the other restaurants," he added.

They snoop to conquer

Ottawa's attempt to craft a new web surveillance bill has prompted a new wave of privacy concerns PAGE 4

No plea deal for Fontana

The mayor's defence team starts reviewing the Crown's evidence this week PAGE 2

Sweet wheels

Enthusiasts from around the world are flocking to the Collector Car Auction next week PAGE 14

A swinging time in Barbados

With its lush, exotic fairways, the island jewel has become a mecca for golfers PAGE 9

TALL HOPES

The newest London Knight, 18-year-old goaltender Anthony Stolarz, of Jackson, N.J., is introduced to the media at Budweiser Gardens on Tuesday. Stolarz, who was drafted by the Philadelphia Flyers in the second round of the 2012 NHL draft, comes to London after parting ways with the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The six-foot-six goalie is expected to start against the Ottawa 67's on Friday. More Knights coverage, page 3. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

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CIBC building

Pharma Plus newest addition to downtown

A prime street-level piece of downtown real estate now has a new tenant.

A Pharma Plus drug store, about 15,000 square feet in size, will occupy two floors where the former CIBC branch used to be at the northeast corner of Richmond and Dundas Streets. Janette MacDonald of Downtown London says this news shows the continued progress of downtown revitalization.

"When a national chain like that wants to come into a downtown, that speaks volumes," she said. "They've done their market research and they know that they can make money in this downtown."

No word on when the new store will be opening its doors. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Recognition

Councillor to get Jubilee medal

Ward 7 Coun. Matt Brown has been named a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. He'll be presented with the award by MPP Chris Bentley at Childreach (265 Maitland St.) on Friday at 4 p.m. The medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the queen's accession to the throne. **METRO**

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Legal assistant Perrie Douglas, left, and her boss, lawyer Gord Cudmore, are pictured outside the London courthouse Tuesday after a procedural hearing in Mayor Joe Fontana's criminal case. Douglas represented Fontana and Cudmore during the court appearance before a justice of the peace. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

1 court day down, many more to go

Facing fraud charges. Mayor Joe Fontana's legal battle put over until February after Tuesday court hearing

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Lawyers handling Mayor Joe Fontana's fraud case have been given seven weeks to review evidence and negotiate with the Crown.

A plea deal won't be part of those negotiations, lawyer Gord Cudmore reaffirmed Tuesday.

"(There will) be discussions with the Crown and defence about what facts we agree on (and) if there's things we don't agree on," Cudmore said, speaking outside the London courthouse after the first hearing in the case. "You don't go in and fight things you agree are true. You point out what it is that the issues are, where you differ from the Crown's position and what the defence is."

Cudmore and his assistants will get their first look Thursday at evidence turned up in a month-long Mountie investigation. After that, talks between the sides are expected to start.

The next court date is Feb. 26, where Cudmore said one of two things will happen.

"If the Crown and I have had time to talk, we may set a date for a preliminary hearing," he said. "If we haven't resolved everything, it will be adjourned again to allow for further talks."

Fontana — accused of using a $1,700 federal government cheque to cover a room deposit for his son's 2005 wedding reception — wasn't at Tuesday's hearing and isn't likely to appear next month.

Along with fraud under $5,000, Fontana is charged with breach of trust by a public officer and uttering forged documents. He was a federal cabinet minister in 2005.

Small space

Of the seven media outlets waiting as Mayor Joe Fontana's court hearing started Tuesday, only one — chosen after drawing straws — was allowed in the courtroom because of space concerns.

- The hearing was in Courtroom A — a tight space that Gord Cudmore, Fontana's lawyer, aptly described as "only slightly larger than a phone booth."
- A February hearing is slated for the same courtroom.

Canada's London. Proposed marketing campaign full of possibilities: City rep

A $200,000 marketing campaign tied to the World Figure Skating Championships will be more than a one-time bang for the city's buck, London's communications director Elaine Gamble says.

The Canada's London brand could be used for a variety of future efforts, including a merchandise line at local retailers and promoting arts events.

"We don't have any one single image or message that we can relay what is exciting and vibrant about London," Gamble told a city council committee Tuesday. "I like to think of this campaign as being full of opportunity."

The corporate services committee gave unanimous support to spending $100,000 in city money on the effort — a price tag covered by a surplus in 2012 advertising dollars.

Money from project partners, including the Western Fair District, the London Economic Development Corp., Western University and Fanshawe College, is expected to cover the rest of the bill. About $80,000 has been drummed up so far, Gamble said.

The campaign — developed with the help of a local marketing firm — includes imagery painting London as a city that's "alive" with everything from food to music.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Promotions

canada's london

"It's an opportunity to make a really positive impression on Londoners, visitors, and hundreds of media from around the world."

Elaine Gamble, London's director of corporate communications, speaking about the Canada's London marketing campaign.

Housing. Committee OK's plans for student high-rise

City council's planning committee gave the green light Tuesday to site plans for high-rise apartment complexes near Western University and Fanshawe College.

One proposal would see a 19-storey complex with 311 furnished, two-bedroom units built on Richmond Street just north of Western's gates. Five homes would be razed.

The other is for a 15-storey, 126-unit building facing First Street at Oxford Street. It would include apartments with three, four and five bedrooms. The property is empty right now.

Both complexes — pitched by different developers — would be geared toward students and fit, planners say, with the city's strategy for developing high-density housing around Western and Fanshawe.

They also are expected to appeal to international students and help boost effort to attract more of them to the university and college.

People had a chance to comment on the plans Tuesday. Increased traffic and the potential for student parties were among the concerns cited.

The plans will be considered by full council Jan. 15. **ANGELA MULLINS/METRO**

Home care. Province considers asking wealthy seniors to chip in on costs

The Ontario government is considering asking seniors with higher incomes to chip in for their home care.

A report meant to pave the way for the province's strategy on seniors care recommends exploring the possibility of an "income-based system."

It's one of 169 recommendations laid out in the report titled Living Longer, Living Well, the highlights of which were released Tuesday.

Health Minister Deb Matthews said the province has already moved to an income-based system when it comes to drug co-pays, and it may be time to do so for home care.

"If we can ask people to contribute so that more can get care, that's a conversation we need to have," the London North Centre MPP said in a news conference at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital.

But Matthews stressed the province will ensure everyone has access to the health care they need, regardless of their financial situation.

Health Minister Deb Matthews
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Some services included in the home care umbrella — such as meal preparation, snow shovelling and other non-medical assistance — are already subject to co-pays.

But so far, at-home medical services for seniors have been fully subsidized by the health-care system.

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Environment. Watchdog wants data on school energy use made public

Ontario school boards could save a lot of money with conservation programs if the government would publicly release data on schools' energy usage, Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller said Tuesday.

The Liberal government had to abandon its goal to reduce school energy use by 10 per cent after some schools could not measure consumption, so it collected data on the electricity and natural gas usage at every school in the province, but won't make the data public.

The Simcoe County district school board in Barrie cut energy use by 16 per cent and saved $500,000 a year by replacing windows and boilers and improving heating and air conditioning equipment in just one-third of its schools.

Public interest

"Releasing it to the public allows the public to engage with the boards of education to say where can we find savings."

Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller

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Related incidents. Three police forces investigate rash of cabbie thefts

St. Thomas police along with Brant and Oxford County OPP forces are looking into what could be a possible crime spree targeting taxi drivers.

The latest incident happened last weekend, when a taxi driver was called to pick up a fare just after 3 a.m. Sunday at the Waterworks Park in St. Thomas.

When the driver got there, she was assaulted by two masked men. The men ran off when another taxi driver approached the area.

Two other similar incidents happened also within the last month. On Jan. 2, just after midnight, a taxi driver was attacked in Paris at the Paris Golf Course. The driver was approached by two masked men, one of whom had a weapon and demanded money.

The first incident occurred on Dec. 20 at the Ingersoll Golf & Country Club.

Police seeking info

Anyone with information is asked to call OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS).

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New truck revs up Fanshawe's gearheads

Mitchell Townsend, left, 21, of London, assists classmate Shawn Barber, 30, of St. Thomas, as they check the oil of a new 2012 Hino 155 COE. The pair is currently taking motive power technician courses at Fanshawe College, where the truck was donated for practical use by Hino Motors Canada on Tuesday. Fanshawe offers a variety of automotive classes, which are housed in its Centre for Applied Transportation Technologies building. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Knights claim highly touted NCAA goalie

Stocking up. Second 2013 addition is 'very composed,' hockey scout says

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The London Knights recruiting machine has claimed another blue-chip prospect.

For the second time in a very young January 2013, the club has convinced an American college player to move north and play for the most talented team in the Ontario Hockey League.

On New Year's Day, it was University of Denver defenceman Dakota Mermis. On Tuesday, University of Nebraska-Omaha goaltender Anthony Stolarz officially followed suit, signing an OHL contract with London.

As conference rivals continue to make significant moves in the lead-up to Thursday's noon trade deadline, the Knights have managed to beef up their roster without sacrificing a single asset. But the deal has come with one unfortunate consequence.

"I think you have to do what you have to do to make the team better," Knights goalie Jake Patterson said of the signing and subsequent waiving of 21-year-old netminder Kevin Bailie.

Patterson and Stolarz, both 18, will man London's crease for the foreseeable future. They'll battle for the No. 1 job over the course of the team's remaining regular-season games.

The newcomer will start against the Ottawa 67's on Friday, the first of three games for the Knights this weekend, according to London general manager Mark Hunter.

"We've got two (1994-born goalies) and we're pretty happy with both," Hunter added.

In eight appearances with Nebraska-Omaha this season, Stolarz finished with a .898 save percentage and 2-5-0 record. The Philadelphia Flyers second-rounder says a lack of playing time factored into his decision to jump ship on the respected NCAA program.

Business, not personal

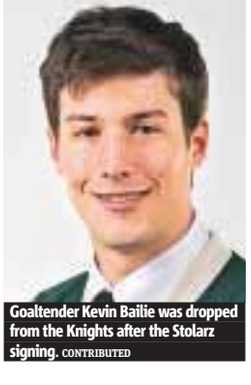
"That's the real difficult part of this. Kevin was world class for us, poured his heart and soul into the team."

Knights goalie coach Bill Dark on goaltender Kevin Bailie being placed on waivers as a result of the Stolarz signing.

London Knights goalie Jake Patterson tracks an incoming puck during practice at Budweiser Gardens on Tuesday. Patterson will duke it out with newly signed goalie Anthony Stolarz for the team's top job. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

"London was the most persistent (OHL) team," said Stolarz, adding that the Windsor Spitfires also made a push to sign him this summer. "The Flyers were great throughout the process, but in the end they wanted what was best for me. Whatever I decided, they were fine with."

Hunter, along with Knights goalie coach Bill Dark, see potential "oozing out of" Stolarz. The six-foot-six, 220-pound specimen is a late-bloomer from Jackson, N.J., who has more than enough size and athleticism to succeed in Canadian major junior hockey.



Goaltender Kevin Bailie was dropped from the Knights after the Stolarz signing. CONTRIBUTED

Watchdog tries to rein in big-brother Internet bill

Your privacy. Public outcry may force Tories to find a compromise over bill that will let police and others access your computer

Hands off our computer keyboards, protesters say — but the federal government has other ideas. Now the federal privacy watchdog is trying to find "middle ground between security and privacy." JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Broad powers

The Harper government's plans for Bill C-30 shocked Internet users all over Canada.

- **What privacy?** The legislation would give police, intelligence and Competition Bureau officers access to Internet subscriber information — names, addresses and phone numbers — without a warrant.
- **Watch your words.** It would also require service providers to let police intercept messages and conversations.

An intense public outcry over the Conservative government's blockbuster bid to bolster Internet surveillance powers may be paying off.

The federal privacy watchdog has jumped into the fray to try to help the Tories find a compromise.

The watchdog proposes new procedures that will, yes, give police and spies key information about Internet users.

But it's striving to retain the principle of judicial oversight, a memo obtained under the Access to Information Act shows.

The internal memo reveals assistant privacy commissioner Chantal Bernier asked University of Montreal law professor Karim Benyekhlef to "help find a middle ground between security and privacy."

Opponents of the bill say allowing authorities access to Internet subscriber information without a court-approved warrant would be a dangerous infringement of privacy, because even that limited data can be revealing.

Benyekhlef, a former federal prosecutor, says the bill is inconsistent with the Charter of Rights because it allows warrantless access to subscriber information.

"There is tradition in Canadian law that the state must have a warrant before exercising its search or seizure powers," Benyekhlef said.

The government has indicated the bill would go directly to a House of Commons committee, skipping the usual second reading, to allow for amendments. But it has not yet resurfaced.

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Court fight. First Nations refuse to 'roll over and accept' two Tory bills

Two First Nations from Alberta are taking the federal government to court.

They claim they weren't consulted about Conservative omnibus budget legislation that makes significant changes to environmental protection and assessment.

The Mikisew Cree First Nation and the Frog Lake First Nation launched their legal challenge Tuesday in Ottawa.

"The rest of Canada should be with us in support and send a message to Stephen Harper and his government that what they're doing is wrong," said Chief Steve Courtoreille of the Mikisew Cree First Nation.

"They can't ram bills down our throats and expect us to roll over and accept it, because this is going to affect our future, affect the future of all of Canada."

The two First Nations want a judicial review of parts of Bill C-38 and Bill C-45, focusing on changes to the Fisheries Act and the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

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Cold comfort? Global warming blamed for hottest year on record

Government meteorologists say 2012 was by far the hottest year on record in the United States.

The average temperature was over 55 F or 12.78 C, a full degree Fahrenheit warmer than the previous record of 1998. Normally, temperature records are broken by about a tenth of a degree.

Scientists blame the heat on global warming and weather variations. That includes the drought that gripped almost two-thirds of the nation.

July was also the hottest month on record.

The tally was released Tuesday by the National Climatic Data Center.

U.S. temperature records go back to 1895. They're based on reports from more than 1,200 stations across the Lower 48 states.

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Yes, they're Indians, Canadian court rules

The federal government's responsibilities for aboriginal peoples just got a whole lot bigger.

After more than 13 years of legal wrangling, the Federal Court ruled Tuesday that Metis and non-status Indians are indeed "Indians" under a section of the Constitution Act and fall under federal jurisdiction.

The decision helps to clarify the relationship between Ottawa and more than 600,000 aboriginal people who are not affiliated with specific reserves.

"This is huge," said Betty Ann Lavallee, national chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

"It ends the denial of aboriginal birthrights that has existed for far too long among off-reserve Metis and non-status Indians."

Lavallee added: "Today is a very emotional day for me and a very hopeful day for all off-reserve aboriginal peoples."

Federal Court Judge Michael Phelan wrote in a ruling that "the recognition of Metis and non-status Indian as Indians … should accord a further level of respect and reconciliation."

While the decision does not go so far as to declare that the federal government has a fiduciary responsibility to the group, it says such duties would flow automatically now that their standing has been clarified.

"There is no dispute that the Crown has a fiduciary relationship with aboriginal people both historically and pursuant to section 35 (of the Constitution)," Phelan writes.

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and several Metis and non-status Indians argued they are entitled to some or all of the same rights and benefits as on-reserve First Nations members.

They say that includes access to the same health, education and other benefits Ottawa gives status Indians and being able to hunt, trap, fish and gather on public land.

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National chief Betty Ann Lavallee, pictured after the ruling, said: "Today is a very emotional day for me and a very hopeful day for all off-reserve aboriginal peoples." ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"This is going to require a lot of bureaucratic re-thinking and policy development."

Robert Janes, a Victoria lawyer who focuses on aboriginal issues

911 call

Help! Hamsters are invading

A hamster invasion is no emergency, say RCMP in Coquitlam, B.C., who are reminding callers how to use the 911 line.

Const. Jamie Chung said an angry man called 911 after buying a hamster that gave birth to a litter of 10.

He said the man was upset because the store refused to give him a refund.

Chung says the call-taker explained the 911 line isn't there to settle consumer disputes and talked the man out of dropping the hamster brood off in the Mounties' parking lot.

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Chemical courtship

Wasps 'go steady' by playing tag

Biologists say fast-flying male wasps use smooth moves to build harems of female lovers.

Simon Fraser University researchers say the tiny insect Lotharios use their antennae to tag a female's antennae with a potent pheromone.

And this chemical substance tells other male wasps the lady is taken.

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B.C drama

One person hurt in avalanche

One person has been injured in an avalanche on Mount Washington on central Vancouver Island.

RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Darren Langan said a search-and-rescue crew was on the way to help those caught in the slide.

Langan couldn't say how badly injured the victim was.

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Is this art?

Nude man a hot sight on icy lake

A Halifax RCMP officer was confronted with an arresting sight: a naked man on a frozen lake.

In fact, there were two people on the ice, said Cpl. Scott MacRae. The officer saw the "middle-aged naked man and a woman in her 20s taking pictures of him" for an art project, MacRae said.

The officer told them their behaviour was unsafe because of weak ice, and they apologized. No charges were laid.

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Biotech seed sales

Monsanto profit nearly triples in first quarter

Agricultural products giant Monsanto reported Tuesday that its profit nearly tripled in the first fiscal quarter as sales of its biotech corn seeds expanded in Latin America.

The St. Louis company told investors last year that it expects to benefit more from the growing season in the Southern Hemisphere. It predicts international sales will account for half of its growth in seeds for fiscal 2013. Monsanto's corn and soybean seeds have genetically engineered traits meant to produce more crops and repel bugs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bank of Canada

Carney's exit could ding economy, survey suggests

A new survey suggests the country's senior chartered accountants have mixed feelings about Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney's surprise decision to leave for the Bank of England.

The Harris-Decima survey of accountants holding senior positions in some of Canada's top companies shows a vast majority, about nine in 10, believe the appointment reflects well on Canada and the country's financial system. But 28 per cent also expressed concern that his early departure will hurt the stability of the Canadian economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Real estate market 'still relatively solid'

Mortgage lending. Country's top bankers tell conference that slowdown is limited to certain markets

Canada's real estate market remains "relatively solid" and should experience a "soft landing" despite the current slowdown and fears of overbuilding in the condominium segment, the country's leading bankers said Tuesday.

Speaking to a RBC banking conference in Toronto, the country's top bankers said they don't expect a dramatic downturn like the one in the United States about five years ago.

The bursting of the U.S. housing bubble is considered a major cause of the credit crunch that swept Wall Street and then the global economy in the fall of 2008, after interest rates on sub-prime mortgages rose and defaults soared.

By contrast, sub-prime mortgages have been less common in Canada and real estate prices have trended upward for the most part — except for a few months during the 2008-09 recession and in some economically disadvantaged areas.

"Our expectation is that the overall real estate market in Canada is still relatively solid," Royal Bank CEO Gord Nixon said Tuesday.

Despite reports that suggest Canadian housing is in crisis, he said the pullback is limited to a couple of markets, notably Vancouver. "We have seen a slowdown in sales and we've certainly seen a slowdown in mortgage demand but price levels are relatively stable," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Amid Spain's turmoil, a ray of hope

Health workers protest against austerity measures outside a hospital in Pamplona, northern Spain, on Tuesday. Amid the country's economic turmoil, there's news that its borrowing costs have dropped sharply from unsustainable highs last year. Spain's Treasury says it plans to borrow 230 billion euro (about $300 billion) in 2013, down from 250 billion euro last year, and is expecting to pay lower interest rates than those that battered the country in 2012. ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amazon. Unlimited 2-day shipping comes to Canada

Amazon has launched its unlimited, two-day shipping service in Canada. The world's largest online retailer says Amazon Prime will now be on offer to Canadian customers for an annual fee of $79.

The service is already available in the U.S. and six other countries.

Amazon says the two-day shipping guarantee will be offered in most of Canada. Customers in rural areas, particularly in the North or the Maritimes, can get unlimited shipping but without the two-day guarantee.

Some areas will also get the option of upgrading to one-day shipping for an additional fee starting at $3.99 per item.

Steve Oliver, the country manager for Amazon.ca, says the shipping guarantee will apply to millions of products sold by the online store, including everything from DVDs to baby strollers.

What's the deal?

- Amazon Prime has been offered in the U.S. since 2005, and recently expanded to include a free e-book lending service for Kindle users and a television and movie streaming service to its subscribers.
- At this point, there are no plans to offer these options in Canada.

"We have been working on (it) over the last year and we're very excited to launch," said Oliver.

Amazon.ca sells millions of items, including English and French books, CDs, DVDs, electronics, sports and outdoors products, as well as baby, home and garden products. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conflict allegation. Alberta premier faces ethics probe

Alberta's ethics commissioner is investigating a conflict of interest allegation involving Premier Alison Redford over a government lawsuit filed against Big Tobacco.

It's alleged that Redford awarded the lawsuit contract in 2011 to a group of law firms that included her former husband, Robert Hawkes, when she was justice minister.

Alberta Liberal Leader Raj Sherman says Redford is in a potential conflict of interest and asked the ethics commissioner to investigate.

In a letter to Sherman, Ethics Commissioner Neil Wilkinson writes that he has launched a probe into the allegation and has informed Redford of his decision.

"I have commenced an investigation as you requested," Wilkinson wrote in a letter that the Alberta Liberals released to the media Monday. "The member has been notified of my decision."

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"This office has a duty when a request for an investigation is made. We don't know at this point if there are any serious grounds or not."

Brad Odsen, a lawyer for the Ethics Commissioner's office, who said the public should not read anything into the fact that the commissioner is investigating.

Redford told the Alberta legislature in November that accusations that she was in conflict of interest over the tobacco litigation contract are "absolutely inaccurate and false."

The government's lawsuit is seeking to recover $10 billion from tobacco companies for the estimated cost of caring for patients dating back to the 1950s. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former McDonald's CEO Fred L. Turner, who founded Hamburger University, has died.
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Former McDonald's CEO dies at 80

A former McDonald's CEO who helped expand the fast-food chain's global footprint and spearheaded the creation of Hamburger University died Monday night after suffering complications from pneumonia, the company said. He was 80 years old.

During Fred L. Turner's time as CEO from 1974 to 1987, McDonald's more than tripled its number of locations and set up shop in dozens of new markets, the company said in a statement. The chain now has about 34,000 locations worldwide.

Turner spearheaded the creation of McDonald's Hamburger University in 1961, the company said. The school is a training curriculum for managers, franchisees and other employees.

The company said Turner was one of founder Ray Kroc's first employees in 1956, and the architect of the "quality, service and cleanliness" model that helped McDonald's become a global presence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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DOES THE NHL THINK WE'RE ALL CHUMPS?

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Are you ready for some hockey?

You've probably been ready since last September, but the NHL does not care.

The NHL does care about salary caps, revenue sharing, pension plans, free agency and all the other arcana of the hockey business, so much so that they shut the whole show down for 113 days to eliminate distractions.

Message to fans: Not now; not now. Can't you see? I'm talking about bidness?

So now an agreement between the players and the owners has been struck, and arenas across North America should be open for business on Jan. 19.

Hockey's back. The question is: Do you care?

The answer is easy: Of course you do. You grew up on skates. You live and die by the fortunes of your team. You personally identify with your favourite players, from Ryan Kesler to Ryan Nugent-Hopkins to … someone … on the Toronto Maple Leafs roster, I'm sure.

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You care so much it hurts. It hurts when the game takes your heart and slams it into the boards. This is the second NHL lockout in the last decade. Last time, like an abused spouse, you came back, hoping it would be different. It's not different. Are you going to come back this time?

Of course you are.

The NHL has your number. It owns your hockey soul, and when the gates swing open next Saturday, the NHL expects you to be there, all decked out in the jersey of your favourite multi-millionaire and your foam finger.

And you will be there, because the NHL is the only game that matters. Hockey's entire culture, built on a base of suburban rinks and small town arenas, fuels the NHL, where the 690 best players on Earth do their thing. If you're watching the Oshawa Generals, it's to spot future NHL stars. If you're watching the Abbotsford Heat, it's only because a real NHL pro is passing through or falling in. If you're watching the Spengler Cup, you're watching a reshuffle of the NHL deck.

They have you where they want you. Which is why they can take you for granted and shut the league down while they haggle over the salary cap or whatever. They know you'll be there, nose pressed to the plexiglass, when they decide it's time.

A word about "you." You are not a resident of Tampa Bay, Florida, U.S.A. You are Johnny Canuck from Moose Jaw or Moosonee. You know that whatever happens in Miami or Minsk, hockey is your birthright. No one else in the world cares the way you care.

If that makes you a chump, then so be it. At least, now there's hockey.

On the web

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Catch a tiger by the flail

ASHLEY VINCENT/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTO CONTEST

Prize capture

Tigress in water photo wins big

An Indochinese tigress named Busaba shakes herself dry after a swim at Khao Kheow Open Zoo in Chonburi, Thailand. The Explosion! by Ashley Vincent, 49, a British wildlife photographer based in Thailand, shook off the competition of more than 22,000 entries to win the 2012 National Geographic Photography Contest. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Equipment used

- Canon EOS 7D with a Canon EF 70-200mm f/2.8L IS MK II USM lens.

Q&A with photographer Ashley Vincent

'An explosion of water droplets'

How did this photo come about?
My family and I were showing my mother-in-law around the zoo. She wanted to see some tigers, so we made our way over to Busaba, who at the time was being fed slivers of fresh meat. I'd never taken much interest before in watching this — it's more for the benefit of visitors to Thailand — until one piece Busaba had caught hold of slipped and fell into the pool. She dived in to retrieve it and, as she reemerged, shook herself dry with an explosion of water droplets, and in an instant I had a cartoon light bulb appear above my head!

For you, what message is revealed in this image?
This is just one moment when this animal is so engaged in natural behaviour that any melancholy thoughts we may have, like animals in captivity, are expelled from our minds. It's freedom from thought.

Any advice for budding photographers?
For all the money I've spent travelling around in Asia and Africa to picture wild animals, ironically this winning image I captured was taken about 30 minutes away from my house. I believe a tiger, for example, in captivity can be every bit as amazing and gorgeous as a tiger in the wild. So as wonderful as "wild" animal photography can be, until such a dream opportunity comes along, don't feel in any way disadvantaged because the only alternative you may have is to photograph captive animals.
METRO WORLD NEWS

That's entertainment?

All not right as Rain in S. Korean army

South Korea's defence ministry has decided to confine pop star Rain to his base for a week for meeting with an actress while on duty.

The penalty is the lightest a South Korean soldier can face. Paparazzi photos recently showed Rain with actress Kim Tae-hee when he wasn't allowed to have private meetings while outside his base for official duties such as recording and performing.

Rain is fulfilling his two-year mandatory military service as an "entertainment soldier." His meetings with Kim raised suspicions that the military was coddling popular entertainers with special favours because they help enhance its image. Officials deny it.

Time magazine named him one of the world's 100 most influential people in 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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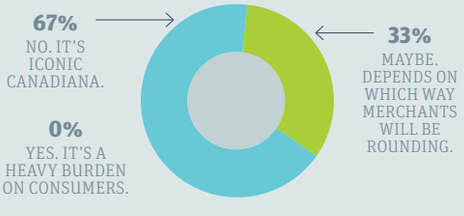

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@ashleyemcguire:
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@kamcgregor:
Newsflash! City of London no longer needs to cut library service. Kelly McGregor paid parking tickets.

@Gymsiren:
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@livelifeinneon:
This olive hummus is amazing. My resulting olive breath is not. #sorrycustomers

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In Focus

Hoping for more award success

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Zero Dark Thirty is billed as "the story of history's greatest manhunt for the world's most dangerous man." It's a carefully plotted espionage tale that flows from the clues that lead to the death of Osama bin Laden at the hands of the Navy SEAL Team 6 in May, 2011 and it will very likely earn its director, Kathryn Bigelow, an Academy Award nomination.

It won't be the first time the Academy has honoured her. In fact, she's one for the record books. Her last film, The Hurt Locker, was a huge critical hit and made her the first woman to win best director awards from the Academy Awards, the Directors Guild of America, the BAFTAs and the Critics' Choice Awards.

It was her first serious awards recognition, but it wasn't her first film. At age 61 she is a veteran with nine features, hours of television and music videos for bands like New Order to her credit.

Critic Jon Popick called her first film, 1982's The Loveless, "a slightly hallucinatory homage to The Wild Ones," which means it's a surreal outlaw biker film, one part tribute, two parts reinvention.

A trilogy of action films — Blue Steel, Point Break and Strange Days — saw her blend technical sophistication with themes that redefined the genre of the movies.

"When you have this great social tool, at the very least, take advantage of it as a means to communicate."

Movie violence in a gun sensitive period

Industry issues.
The Gangster Squad and The Last Stand filmmakers respond to shootings

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Sean Penn stars in The Gangster Squad, which opens this weekend in the shadow of recent gun violence in the U.S. HANDOUT

The recent high-profile U.S. shootings — most notably in a movie theatre in Colorado in July and an elementary school in Connecticut just before Christmas — have brought attention back to gun violence in popular culture. It's an issue the people behind two of this month's more bullet-ridden releases have had to grapple with while promoting their films.

"It's obviously something that's affected all of us. I don't think anybody has spent the last few weeks not thinking a lot about that, but this is fantasy and that's reality," says Lorenzo di Bonaventura, producer of the Arnold Schwarzenegger shoot-em-up The Last Stand, out later this month. "I think we need to figure out reality, and fantasy always follows reality. I'm not a politician, so I'll stay off my point of view, but it's clearly something that all of us have a great deal of respect for what those people have suffered, and we don't look at this as part of that. They're two different things."

One film that's been even more closely linked to recent tragedy is Gangster Squad, about police going to war with a ruthless criminal in 1940s L.A. Originally, the film featured a scene depicting mobsters opening fire on a movie theatre full of patrons, but Warner Bros. quickly decided to cut the scene and postpone the film's release following the movie theatre shooting in Aurora, Colo.

"The Aurora shooting was an unspeakable tragedy, and out of respect for the families of the victims, we felt it necessary to reshoot that sequence, and I'm proud of the fact that I did that," director Ruben Fleischer says. "I think that we should all respect the tragedy and not draw associations to our film as a result of ... I mean to these types of tragedies."

While producers and directors might be careful with their statements, their stars are much more willing to spout off on the topic. Gangster Squad star Josh Brolin thinks connecting violence onscreen to violence in real life is a misguided oversimplification.

"You have to look at the grand scheme of things, from a universal standpoint," Brolin, who fires his fair share of rounds in Gangster Squad, says. "You have video games, you have psycho-pharmaceuticals, you have lowest employment, you have parents that aren't at home. You have CNN who gloms on to the worst of what's going on and not necessarily the best or the most heroic. So, there's many different factors. There's always been violence in movies and there always will be violence in movies. Whether it leads to the one psychotic that's out there that's thinking the worst thoughts you can possibly think is always going to be a mystery, I think."

Quote

"If there is a problem there, let's analyze it. Let's not jump to conclusions, let's analyze"
Arnold Schwarzenegger
Talking about America looking at new gun laws to prevent recent attacks.

Schwarzenegger agrees that scapegoating entertainment is a mistake.

"It's two different issues. This is entertainment, and the other thing is a tragedy beyond belief and it's serious and the real deal," he says, referring to the shooting in Newtown, Conn.

The former governor of California, who's no stranger to hot-button issues, already sees plenty of areas that need investigating.

"How can we do better with gun laws? If there is any loophole, if there is a problem there, let's analyze it. Let's not jump to conclusions, let's analyze," he says.

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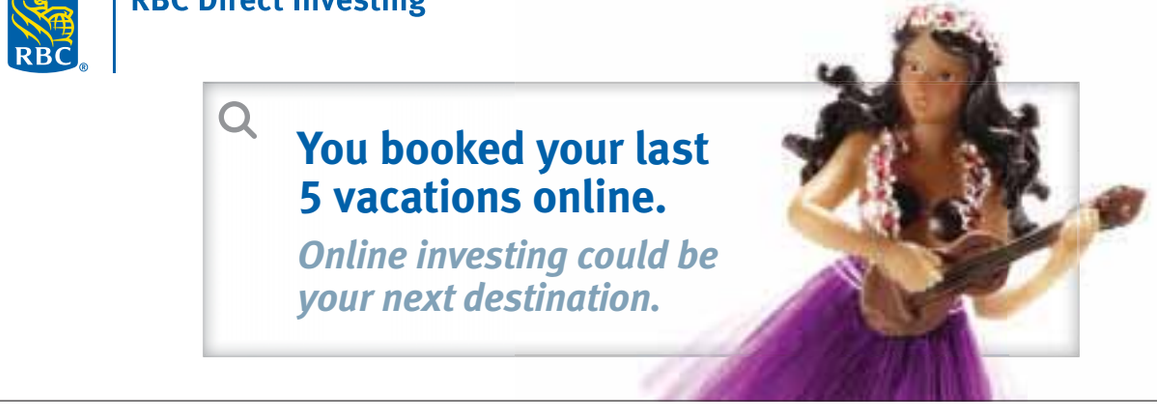

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Kelly Osbourne ALL IMAGES GETTY

Kelly Osbourne learning to ignore taunts

Kelly Osbourne has worked hard to slim down, but she's learning the hard way that for some naysayers, nothing she does is good enough. "I'm the thinnest I've ever been and the healthiest I've ever been. The totally insane thing is that I'm a U.K. size four to six and people still say I'm fat," she tells Fabulous magazine. "I get called fat all the time. A big fat whore." What's most surprising is that much of the vitriol comes from fans of one of the biggest opponents of bullying and negativity. "Lady Gaga's fans are the worst," Osbourne says. "They've said I should kill myself, that they hope I get raped. I mean, it's crazy but I've had this all my life and I just try and ignore it."

Second split for Cooper and girlfriend?

Bradley Cooper and Zoe Saldana, who never confirmed they were dating, have reportedly broken up for a second time, according to Page Six. The pair are said to have initially dated for three months early last year after filming The Words together and then got together again in September, but they went their separate ways once more before the holidays. "Zoe had planned to spend the holidays with Bradley and his family in Europe. They all were going to Paris, but

Bradley Cooper

things didn't work out between them. Zoe spent New Year's Eve with friends in Miami," a source says. "If Zoe was upset over the split with Bradley, she didn't show it."

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The Word

Bieber hashtag encourages fans to cut themselves

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

Late Monday evening, Justin Bieber was trending on Twitter. Hardly new for the tween icon, but this was a darker episode, with the hashtag #cuttingforBieber used by young fans to offer blood sacrifices to their hero.

"Beliebers" participated in a campaign of self-harm in response to a weekend picture that appeared to show Bieber smoking marijuana. Hundreds of images of slashed arms, some obviously fake, some disturbingly real, flooded the social network. "Why did you do this @justinbieber You broke my heart," one user posted above a graphic image of the user's injuries.

The campaign was orchestrated by the 4Chan forum, popular with trolls, and plans can be seen on the website. "Lets see if we can get some little girls to cut themselves," a member wrote, and fake pictures were seeded to encourage the trend.

The horrific episode was picked up by celebrities, including singer and friend of Bieber, Miley Cyrus. "Cutting is NOT something to joke about.

There are people who are actually suffering from self-harm, this is so disrespectful," the star tweeted.

Bieber fans are known for their zeal and the "Bieber fever" phenomenon has been studied by psychologists. Two fans were arrested in December for plotting to castrate and murder the Canadian singer.

Taylor Swift

Romance fades as Swift's ex parties with Branson

Taylor Swift's fledging romance with One Direction member Harry Styles appears to be over, as Swift left their romantic getaway to the British Virgin Islands early after a reportedly heated argument with Styles, according to Business Insider.

But while photos of Swift looking glum and lonely on her trip back hit the Internet, Styles apparently wasn't too broken up about the break up.

"Richard Branson heard Harry was staying nearby so invited him to come check out Necker (Island)," a source says. "So when Taylor left for the states, Harry went to Branson's island for the day to let off some steam. He did plenty of partying and was definitely enjoying himself while hanging out with guests. He returned to Virgin Gorda in the early morning hours looking like he had a raucous night."

Twitter

@Rosie
Watching the biggest loser makes me want to eat cheesecake

@rosemcgowan
I slept from Saturday night at 2 am to Monday at noon.

@TheRealRoseanne
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The new links of Barbados are a hole-in-one for golfers

Swinging in the sun. From sugar cane meadows to Atlantic coastline, these courses put the island's terrain to good use

BRIAN KENDALL
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The Green Monkey course at Sandy Lane resort is one of the world's must-plays. SANDY LANE HOTEL CO. LTD FOR SANDY LANE

Once reliant on a traditional sun, sand and sea tourism strategy, Barbados signalled its arrival as a major player in Caribbean golf with the 2009 launch of Apes Hill Club.

The gorgeous 7,150-yard layout, which dips and twists through lush jungle, an abandoned coral quarry and the reclaimed fields of a former sugar plantation, is the centrepiece of an exclusive new residential community offering views of both the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea from a hilltop site near the lively community of Holetown.

Apes Hill joins posh Sandy Lane resort's two acclaimed 18-hole courses, as well as Royal Westmoreland Golf and Country Club, as the golf headliners of a popular island destination of remarkable contrasts — from the windswept Atlantic coastline to vast meadows of sugar cane to the serene waters of the Caribbean coast, the site of most of the resorts. The former British colony is renowned for its white-sand beaches, hospitable people (known as Bajans) and its refined atmosphere.

Barbados ignited its golf boom with the 1994 launch of Royal Westmoreland, a superb Robert Trent Jones Jr. design near the capital of Bridgetown. Officially opened by Prince Andrew — who wowed onlookers by splitting the fairway with his first drive — the 7,045 parkland-style layout offers breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea with almost every shot.

Royal Westmoreland reigned supreme until 2004, when the celebrity-packed but ill-fated wedding of Tiger Woods at nearby Sandy Lane resort focused international attention on the ultra-exclusive property's new $25-million Green Monkey course. Designed by Tom Fazio, the 7,389-yard behemoth slowly builds drama through the first eight holes before startling golfers with a rapid descent into an abandoned quarry.

So spectacular is the design and seaside setting that the Green Monkey instantly became one of the world's must-play courses. The only hitch is that access is restricted to guests of Sandy Lane, one of the Caribbean's priciest resorts. Sandy Lane does, however, offer public play on its other Fazio championship layout, the Country Club course, a lush parkland-style jewel, and on its nine-hole Old Nine course.

Apes Hill, the newest headliner, boasts a pedigree to rival even that of the Green Monkey. The project is a partnership between local entrepreneur Sir Charles Williams, whose family came from England to Barbados in the 1600s, and Landmark Land Company, the developer of such renowned golf properties as California's La Quinta Resort and Club and South Carolina's Kiawah Island Golf Resort. Wentworth Club, the famous English golf and country club, signed on to run the golf operation.

Apes Hill is the newest addition to Barbados's golf offerings. APES HILL CLUB

The golf course has created a buzz throughout the Caribbean. Designed by Jeff Potts and Chris Cole for Landmark, Apes Hill winds seamlessly through a rolling and still mostly wild landscape where green monkeys are often seen feasting on Barbados cherries, ackee and breadfruit. Especially thrilling are the jungle holes, 11 to 14, a quartet enthusiastically described by Golf World magazine as "every bit as dramatic and invigorating" as Augusta National's Amen Corner.

Rounding out the island's roster of courses is Barbados Golf Club, an affordable and challenging 6,697-yard government-owned layout, and the player-friendly, nine-hole Rockley Golf Club. Barbados, after years of building golf courses, is ready to play.

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting that goes easy on calories

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People often think carrot cake is healthier than other desserts, but beware of recipes that sound healthy!

Most carrot cakes are full of oil, butter, eggs and regular sour cream.

This version greatly reduces the fat by using pineapple, extra carrots, low-fat yogurt and ripe banana to create the moist texture typical of carrot cake. As a result, it comes in at 223 calories per serving.

You can replace the raisins with chopped, pitted dates, apricots or prunes.

If you use a food processor to mix the batter, take care not to over process it or it will ruin the final product.

A garnish of shredded carrots or orange zest is a nice touch.

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch Bundt pan with cooking oil.

2. For the cake, beat the oil and granulated sugar in a large bowl until smooth. Add the eggs and vanilla, beating the mixture well (it may look curdled). Add the banana, carrots, raisins, pineapple and yogurt. Stir until everything is well combined.

3. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and nutmeg in a separate bowl, mixing well. Add to the carrot mixture and stir just until everything is combined. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan.

4. Place the pan in the centre of the oven and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a tester inserted in the centre comes out clean. Cool in the pan on a rack. When it's no longer hot, invert the cake onto a serving plate.

5. For the icing, beat the cream cheese, icing sugar and milk in a bowl or food processor until smooth. Drizzle over the top of the cake. ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

Cake
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 large ripe banana, mashed
- 2 cups grated carrots (about 6 oz)
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup canned crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 cup low-fat yogurt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

Icing
- 1/3 cup light cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup icing sugar
- 1 tbsp low-fat milk or water

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

This recipe serves 16. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

Who doesn't love dessert? Here, the classic Pineapple Upside-Down Cake is given a grown-up, liquid twist. With vanilla vodka, pineapple juice and more, it's a sweet treat.

- 1 oz Smirnoff Vanilla Vodka
- .5 oz Amaretto
- 2 oz pineapple juice
- Splash grenadine
- Garnish with cherry/orange wheel

Shake all the ingredients with ice in a shaker. Strain over fresh ice.

Spike a sword with a cherry and orange wheel and place on top of the cocktail. Add a cocktail straw and serve.

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All the decadence and rich chocolate, none of the flour

You want something rich and decadent. Something chocolate. Something that will impress. But you don't want to spend hours making it.

The answer? A flourless chocolate cake. It's like a baked truffle — simple, yet sensational enough to impress your guests.

All you have to do is dress it up with whipped cream and fresh berries.

Be sure to cut small slices from this; it really is amazingly rich.

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Coat an 8-inch cake pan with cooking spray. Line the bottom of the pan with a piece of parchment paper that is cut to fit into it. Set the cake pan in a larger baking dish. A 9-by-13-inch baking pan would work just fine.

2. In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the chocolate bits until completely melted and smooth. Stir in the coffee.

3. In bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the eggs, brown sugar, cocoa powder, salt and brandy for 2 to 3 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Beat in the chocolate-butter mixture. The batter should resemble a thick pudding. Pour the batter into the cake pan, jiggling the pan to settle the batter so that it's level.

4. Place the larger pan with the cake pan in it into the oven. Pour hot water into the larger pan, being careful not to get any water on the cake batter.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter
- 12 oz bittersweet chocolate bits
- 3/4 cup strong brewed coffee
- 6 eggs
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tbsp brandy or rum
- Whipped cream, to serve
- Fresh berries or shaved chocolate, to serve

5. Add enough water to bring it halfway up the sides of the cake pan. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until the cake is slightly puffed and set in the middle.

6. Carefully remove the pan from the oven; be careful not to splash the hot water. Remove the cake pan from the water bath and allow the cake to cool fully in the pan. Place serving plate over the cake pan and invert so that the pan is on top of the serving plate. Gently lift cake pan off, then peel away parchment paper.

7. Serve topped with whipped cream and fresh berries or chocolate shavings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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It's a tough job market out there, which means you're going to have to step up your game if you want to land your first (or next) gig.

In this spirit, some bold individuals are finding extreme ways to proactively market themselves to potential employers. While these unique (and sometimes wacky) tactics might not work for everyone, there are valuable lessons to be learned from these outside-the-box job search ideas.

With a little imagination and elbow grease, we can all come up with our own set of personal marketing tactics. ISTOCK

Try an unconventional resumé format

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Get employers to compete for your affection

- Andrew Horner decided that after two years of unfruitful job searching, he was going to turn the tables and ask employers to apply to have him work at their company
- With a bold list of "must haves," he set up a website (reversejobapplication.com) which went viral once people got wind of his "reverse job application" scheme.
- Horner ended up landing himself a job and keeps the website active to inspire others to ask: "What do employers have to offer me?"

Infographic resumés are making a big splash with creative people the world over. These graphic takes on a traditional resumé can highlight key functional skills as well as an applicant's personality in a dramatic and eye-catching way.

See your name in lights!

Rather than relying on a resumé to get her name out there, one woman from Atlanta, Ga., used the holiday season to publicize her job hunt by spelling out "My wish, HR job, Liz Hickok, LinkedIn" with strings of Christmas lights on the side of her house.

Create your own personal ad campaign

If a creative resumé and billboard beside a major highway haven't landed you a job, you could always think about running your own ad campaign.

Alec Brownstein, a 28-year-old copywriter, landed a job through a fantastically simple personal marketing campaign. When advertising execs Googled their own names (admit it, we're all guilty of the "self-Google"), Brownstein's paid ad was the first result on the page.

The ad directed these potential employers to his personal website, and resulted in multiple job offers for Brownstein.

The stunt cost mere cents per click (for a total of $6), and all it took was a little outside-the-box thinking.

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SPORTS 4

Virtue and Moir prepare to carve through noise in London

Figure skating. Budweiser Gardens is venue for upcoming world ice dance championships

Scott Moir has taken in a few recent London Knights games at the Budweiser Gardens — not merely because he's a huge hockey fan, but to soak in the energy and noise in what can be one of the loudest arenas around.

The London rink is also the hometown venue where Moir and partner Tessa Virtue will be gunning for their third world ice dancing title in March.

"It's definitely our home rink and we felt quite a connection with it since the very first time we skated in it — it feels like home, simply put," Moir said on a conference call Tuesday. "It's also probably one of the loudest rinks we've ever skated in, and we have to prepare ourselves for that."

First though, Virtue and Moir will be in the hunt for their fifth Canadian figure skating title next week at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga, Ont. — what's sure to be another loud venue for Canada's Olympic ice dance champions.

The two skaters maintained their composure to capture gold with incredible grace in front of an ear-splitting crowd at the Vancouver Olympics. They are well-practised in the art of steely focus — thanks to some odd-ball tactics from coach Marina Zoueva.

"Marina has a couple of different tactics," Moir said. "She'll turn the music way down sometimes, turn it way up, she'll just try and distract us, have skaters follow us yelling things.

"Usually when we get to that point we can do the program with music or without, it doesn't really matter."

Moir, a native of Ilderton, said he's attended both Knights games and concerts to take in the venue.

"I try to get in there and take in some of that energy, especially when the Knights have been as hot as they've been," Moir says.

London boasts the best record in the OHL.

The 23-year-old Virtue and Moir, 25, finished second at the Grand Prix Final last month behind American rivals and training partners Meryl Davis and Charlie White.

The Grand Prix Final was held at the Iceberg Skating Palace — the figure skating venue for the Sochi Games.

"It was a spectacular venue. The rink is just stunning. You drive up and it really does look like an iceberg, just all lit up in turquoise and this beautiful glass," Virtue said. "It has a nice feel to it and we were going in expecting that, because it's a brand new building and there is always something about an Olympic venue."

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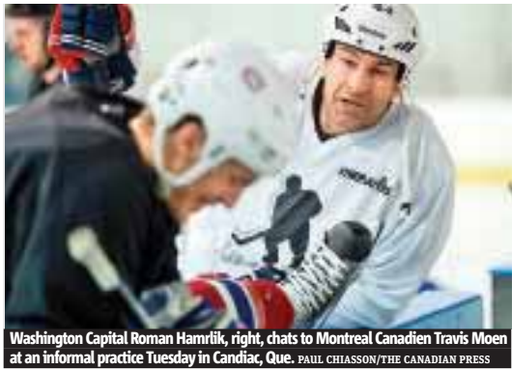
Quoted

"It is a special venue and one of the (Ontario Hockey League) shrines and pride of the league, so it's pretty interesting." **Figure skater Scott Moir** on the Budweiser Gardens.

Tessa Virtue of London and Scott Moir of Ilderton perform during the Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final on Dec. 7 in Sochi, Russia. JULIAN FINNEY/GETTY IMAGES

NHL camps expected to open Sunday



Washington Capital Roman Hamrlik, right, chats to Montreal Canadien Travis Moen at an informal practice Tuesday in Candiac, Que. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Let the season begin.

NHL training camps are expected to open Sunday after the ratification process for the new collective bargaining agreement is completed, according to deputy commissioner Bill Daly.

The league and NHLPA spent Tuesday continuing to hammer out a memorandum of understanding that will ultimately be voted on by their constituents. The owners will cast ballots in person at a Board of Governors meeting Wednesday afternoon in New York while the players are expected to vote electronically on Thursday and Friday.

If all of that goes off without a hitch, the agreement would then be signed by the parties.

"It's being worked on," Daly said Tuesday in an email. "We don't need it signed until the ratification process is done, which looks like Saturday."

The deal was hammered out early Sunday morning. Almost immediately, players began travelling back to the cities where their teams play in anticipation of a season unlike anything most have ever seen. A typical training camp runs for about three weeks and can include as many as eight exhibition games per team. This one will have teams on the ice for just five days before opening the regular season.

"We've got to be prepared," Lightning star Steven Stamkos said Tuesday in Tampa. "It's going to be a different year, it's a sprint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

48 games planned

- The league is targeting a 48-game season from Jan. 19, leaving little time for everyone involved with the sport to get organized.

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MLB

Dickey excited by Blue Jays' plans

R.A. Dickey says he's looking forward to calling himself a Canadian for six months a year.

The Toronto Blue Jays formally introduced Dickey Tuesday at Rogers Centre after acquiring the National League Cy Young winner from the New York Mets last month.

The knuckleballer says he is excited by general manager Alex Anthopoulos's plans for the Blue Jays for the coming years.

He says Toronto has an excellent baseball pedigree and remembers Joe Carter's home run to win the 1993 World Series for the Blue Jays.

He says he is looking forward to discovering more about Toronto.

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R.A. Dickey on Tuesday in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chevrolet Equinox 2013

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Fuel economy

With a rating of 9.2 l/100 km city and 6.1 highway (10.1/6.9 for AWD models), the 2.4 is the economy champ in the lineup. However the efficient V6 earns nearly the same 12.4 city/8.1 highway (13.2/8.4 AWD) numbers as the previous 3.0. The choice is yours, of course, depending on your lifestyle..

A look under the Equinox's hood

2013 Chevrolet Equinox

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive mid-size tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp).** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (182); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (301)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $28,400

Engine

Unchanged for 2013 is a standard 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that's worth 182 horsepower and 172 pound-feet of torque. Both powerplants are connected to six-speed automatic transmissions, although the four-cylinder comes with an Eco mode that economically limits the maximum revs in each gear.

Style

The most significant aspect of the Equinox's styling is that it displays a rugged sport-utility-vehicle boldness shared with Chevy's larger Traverse and still-larger Tahoe. You won't find that in the Honda CR-V, Nissan Rogue, Ford Escape or most others in the segment.

Review. Clever wagon holds its own despite stiff competition

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Chevrolet didn't exactly invent this category, but the Equinox represents a new level of refinement, style and overall performance that sets it apart from its segment peers.

Clever touches abound in the design, like the integrated rocker panels in the doors that reduce entry step-over height. The car-like interior is simply gorgeous and highly practical. It has dual gloveboxes, easy-to-read twin gauges set in large pods and plenty of handy storage bins.

There's also a versatile split folding rear seat that can be adjusted fore and aft over a 20-centimetre range to optimize legroom or cargo capacity. So the Equinox isn't a giant-killer in the off-road sense, but at least it can now boogie down the road with more authority, thanks to a new-for-2013 3.6-litre V6 option that generates 301 horsepower and 272 pound-feet of torque. It replaces last year's 3.0-litre V6 that only mustered 264 horses and 222 pound-feet of torque.

A wide assortment of standard equipment (air conditioning, cruise control, keyless remote entry etc.) comes in the base LS, as does a new seven-inch touch screen to work the standard audio system. The 1LT gets you premium cloth seats and a rear-vision camera, while the 2LT adds a power driver's seat and an up-level audio package. The LTZ loads up with climate control, heated leather seats and a power liftgate.

Standard this year in all but the base LS is MyLink, which is a combination voice-activation/touch-screen system that operates the various audio options, hands-free smart-phone communications and navigation functions. Being fashionably rugged, impressively more powerful and technologically up-to-date is what the Equinox is all about.

The dash gauges retain a simple feel and look.

Touch-screen 'infotainment' system

A more head on view of the Equinox

By comparison

1 VW Tiguan
Base price: $29,500

2 Nissan Rogue
Base price: $25,600

3 GMC Terrain
Base price: $30,200

Not your average u$ed car auction

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Big money mobile: The 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta Competizione 'will be the top seller' in Arizona. PHOTO FROM RM AUCTIONS

Looking for a good used car? You could do worse than heading to Arizona next week for Collector Car Auction Week.

Bring your wallet.

Better yet, re-mortgage your house, cash in your RRSPs, find the Canadian Tire Money, sell your kids for medical experiments, check under the sofa cushions for loose change and snacking material, and visit Harold the Jewelry Buyer.

Because some of these cars are on the pricey side…

Take for example the 1965 Ford GT40 consigned to RM Auctions' sale in Phoenix. The GT40 used in the Steve McQueen film, Le Mans, was auctioned off last year at RM's California sale for $11 million, making it the most expensive American car ever sold.

The road-going '65 GT40 going under the hammer in Arizona is expected to sell for between $2.4 million and $3 million. In case you're wondering, that doesn't include safety check, emission test, or winter tires.

Another quite nice RM consignment is the 1930 Duesenberg Model J Tourster. Only eight were built. Their open-top bodies were designed and built by the coach building firm, Derham. Estimated auction price: $1.2 million to $1.6 million.

In fact, RM figures eight of its Phoenix auction consignments will fetch over $1 million. There is no doubt, however, about which one will set the high bar — the 1960 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta Competizione.

"It will be the top seller of the week in Arizona," says Gord Duff of RM Auctions, over the phone from the firm's home base in Blenheim, Ontario. (Yes, one of the top collector car auction houses in the world is Canadian.) "There isn't another auction selling anything that would bring this kind of money."

What's "this kind" of money? Well we don't know for sure. But some Ferrari 250 GTs sell for around $5 million, while others go for around $9 million. This particular 250 GT is considered one of the purest and most well documented 250 GTs out there, with just four owners since new. So figure more toward the high end of scale.

While it might be the highest price achiever in Arizona next week, it will likely take a back seat in the paparazzi department to a car set to take the Barrett-Jackson auction stage over in Scottsdale. That would be the first and original Batmobile. After staring in the TV series, it's creator, George Barris, bought it from Ford for one dollar. It's been his ever since. It changes hands next week, for the first time ever since that one-dollar sale. It's likely the most well-known and recognizable car in the world.

The other auction houses that make the scene at Arizona Collector Car Auction Week are Gooding and Company, Russo and Steele, Bonhams, and Silver Auctions.

"Arizona sets the tone for the coming year," notes Duff. RM is expecting Arizona to continue the strong sales trends of 2012. "The collector car market is especially strong right now, particularly for blue-chip, investment type automobiles."

Duff says enthusiasts from emerging markets, like the United Arab Emirates, Russia, India, China, and Brazil, are bolstering the collector car ranks these days. It's a global thing now and facilitating the togetherness is the Internet. Duff adds these out-of-country buyers often watch the auction on line, and bid on line. And so can you — the RM auction will be live on rmauctions.com. Just make sure you got enough headroom on the charge cards.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Venus, planet of harmony, moves into the career area of your chart today, so you will gain more by being nice to people than by trying to be a tough guy. Work with others and you can all be winners.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
A little bit of gentle persuasion will get you everything you desire today. You don't need to force others to do your bidding. They will go out of their way to accommodate your needs. Within reason, of course.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Stand up to those who seem to enjoy making you feel bad about yourself. You are who you are for a reason and no one has the right to suggest that you should change your look, your ways or your attitude.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Venus, planet of love and harmony, moves into the partnership area of your chart today and almost immediately you will find that relationship problems are not as serious as you imagined. The fact is they never were.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to take a more relaxed view of everyday activities, especially those that require bursts of physical energy. Aggressive activity is rarely a good idea, so pace yourself sensibly over the next 24 hours.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Creative activities and affairs of the heart will go very well indeed over the next few weeks, so look on the bright side and don't be afraid to take chances. By far the biggest risk is taking no risks at all.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
As Venus, your ruler, moves into one of the more sensitive areas of your chart, you won't mind admitting you got something wrong. This is much a time for forgiving, forgetting and moving on together.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Travel and social activities will get a boost over the next few days, so start making plans. Even if you are a Scorpio who does not like the party life, you'll want to see and be seen. You're worth looking at!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There is really no point worrying about money matters and business issues. They will all come right in the end. Whatever your personal commitments may be you will find a way to meet them — somehow you always do.

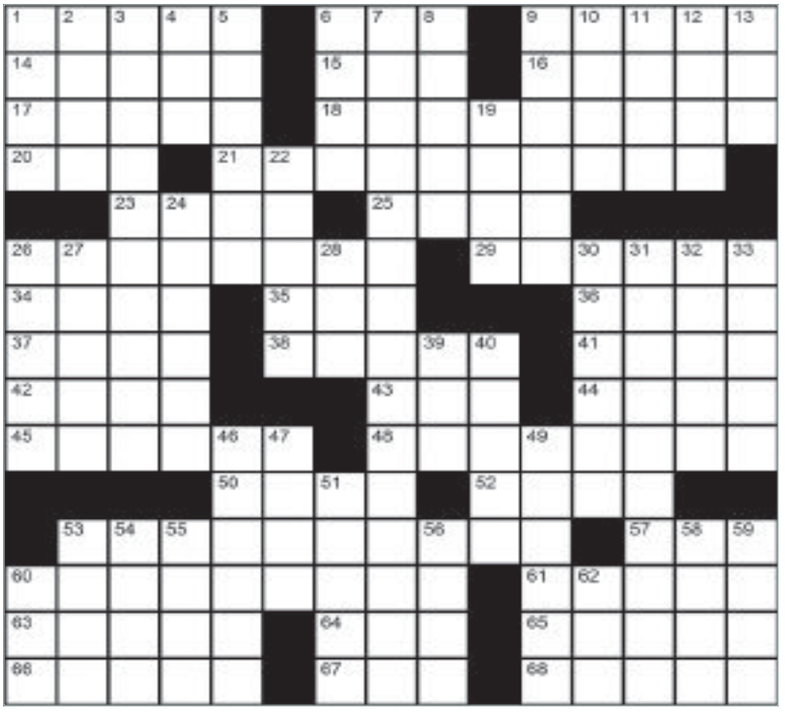
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will find it much easier to relax and take life as it comes now that Venus is joining the Sun in your sign. You don't have to be on the go every minute of every day. Give yourself a break occasionally.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Being the charitable sort, you sometimes allow people to get away with things they really don't deserve to get away with. Don't be too generous for your own good over the next 24 hours.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Allow yourself to think the unthinkable thought. Allow yourself to dream the impossible dream. With so much positive cosmic activity today there is precious little you cannot do, so set your sights high — then go even higher. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across & Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. St. __, Nfld.
6. Cdn. business since 1670
9. Guess Who's "__ Eyes"
14. English band, __ Heep
15. Pub serving
16. Lake for Sarnia, ON
17. Tori's "Beverly Hills, 90210" role
18. Hugh Jackman role
20. Tree-like Tolkien creature
21. Harry Potter's best friend: 2 wds.
23. Environmental sci.
25. Fit
26. "Nessun Dorma", an aria from this Puccini opera
29. Belonging to our planet
34. "__ have to do."
35. German 'I'
36. 'Fed' suffix
37. Greenish-blue
38. Decree
41. Japanese soup
42. Thomas Augustine __: "Rule, Britannia" composer
43. Angelina Jolie title role
44. "I could __ _ horse I'm so hungry!"
45. One who silently approves
48. Where Bob Bratina is mayor
50. Bemoaned
52. Meas. with width
53. Canada's highest peak: 2 wds.
57. Beirut is its cap.
60. Co-worker
61. Jim Carrey flick, "Me, Myself & __" (2000)
63. Old Jennifer Garner series
64. "_ __ Blind" by 54-40
65. Little Richard hit: "__ Frutti"
66. Blood vessel implant
67. Gary Bettman's org.
68. Movie critic Roger

Down
1. Mr. Law
2. "__ __ the other hand..."
3. __ Who's Who (Canadian wildlife TV vignettes)
4. Grandma
5. Kelly Osbourne's mother
6. Actress Goldie
7. The Tragically Hip song: 4 wds.
8. Li'l star
9. Neptune's realm: 2 wds.
10. Lose yer lunch
11. Great Lake
12. Electronics company
13. Compass†point
19. Farewell, to Catullus
22. Golden hit tune
24. Phoned
26. Hyperion, for one, in Greek mythology
27. 1993 Nirvana album: 'In __'
28. Repetitive checking or hand-washing, e.g.
30. Make more cheese gooey again
31. Canadian Olympian Simon Whitfield, for one
32. Must: 2 wds.
33. "The Good in Everyone" band
39. The Company org.
40. Berry Gordy Jr.'s other early record label
46. Author Mr. Hemingway
47. Montreal-born actress Ms. Lee
49. Fire up
51. Toronto theatre, __ & Winter Garden
53. Shed, snake-style
54. "Rolie Polie __"
55. Capital of Mongolia, __ Bator
56. Mineralogist's field, for short
58. Play interlude, __'acte
59. "So __ __."
60. '_' __ in Canada
62. Wipe

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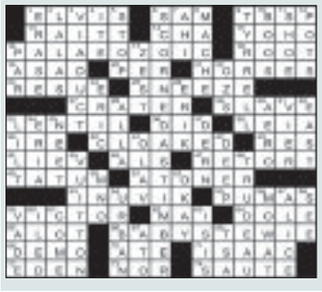

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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1			6		5			9
	6			1			5	
		5				7		
6	1						4	3
		4				1		
	5			3			6	
8			4		9			2
	9		2		7		8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	2	3	9	1	4	6	7	8
9	4	7	3	8	6	2	1	5
6	1	8	5	7	2	3	4	9
1	6	5	7	3	9	4	8	2
7	9	4	8	2	1	5	3	6
3	8	2	4	6	5	7	9	1
2	7	1	6	9	3	8	5	4
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4	3	6	1	5	8	9	2	7

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